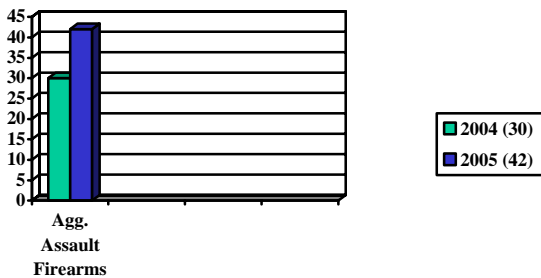
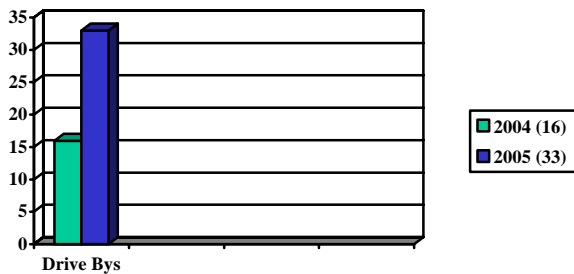


# Community Newsletter

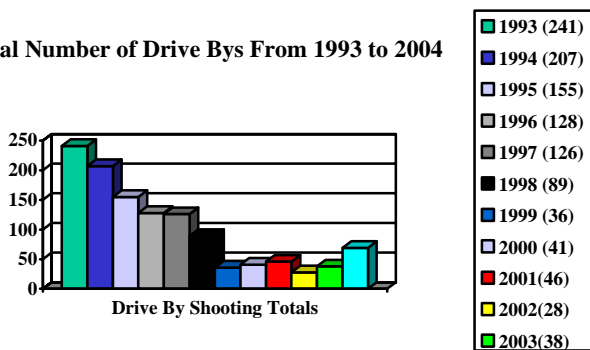
## Gang Update

### May 2005 Edition

#### Recent statistical data on drive bys and aggravated assaults



#### Total Number of Drive Bys From 1993 to 2004



#### 2005 Agg. Assault Firearms Totals by Month



Hello, my name is Lt. Jeff Easter with the Gang/Felony Assault section of the Wichita Police Department. During recent discussions with various community members, it became evident that a newsletter would be beneficial in keeping community members informed of recent trends. The newsletter will be produced at the beginning of each month and distributed by email to anyone who wishes to receive it. My email is [jeaster@wichita.gov](mailto:jeaster@wichita.gov); please email me if you want to receive a copy every month. I also ask that if you receive a copy that you forward this newsletter to other community members that you believe would benefit from this type of information. I look forward to providing you with updated information. This newsletter contains two pages so please read page 2 to find out about an upcoming community event.

In 2005 Wichita has experienced an increase in gang activity. The graphs depict drive by shootings and aggravated assaults by firearms only. As you can see drive by shootings have increased by 106 percent in 2005 compared to 2004. As you can see in graph number 3, the community is not experiencing the gang problems that we encountered in the early and mid 1990's. However, it is going to take everyone's efforts to keep gang violence under control.

During several community meetings a gang plan was developed in cooperation with the community, students from area high schools and the Wichita Police Department. Two parts of the plan are Intervention and Prevention and Enforcement Activities. Due to the increase in gang related violent crime, the Wichita Police Department has increased its enforcement efforts on known gang members.

In the Gang Plan the community had ideas on how to break the vicious cycle of gang membership and to provide community based programs to assist in this effort. Below are some of those ideas that are currently being implemented.

1. All neighborhoods, which are impacted by gang crime, will work to initiate or reinvigorate a neighborhood watch within their block.
2. Neighborhoods will work to educate themselves regarding gang activity; this will be achieved with updated presentations from Lt. Giffen, Lt. Easter, and members of the neighborhood SCAT teams.
3. The community will form a permanent "gang coalition" committee that will receive frequent updates regarding gang activity.
4. Both the community and SRO's will identify two students or children who are "high risk" concerning gang membership. Each entity will then provide mentorship to the youth.
5. Review and coordinate with other government agencies to increase summer employment opportunities for youth in the community.
6. Coordinate with "re-entry" facilitators regarding juvenile offenders.

**The Wichita Police Department invites you to become involved with your community. On May 17, 2005, at 7 p.m. the Wichita Police Department will host a community meeting on building coalitions to combat gang membership and gang violence. The meeting will be held at the Atwater Center, located at 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup> North. We encourage you to be involved with your community as we work to reduce gang violence. Mark this date on your calendar.**

If you have information about problems in your neighborhood or would like to speak with an officer about setting up a gang awareness meeting for your Neighborhood Association please contact the Bureau you reside in. If you would like to start a Neighborhood Association or Neighborhood Watch, please contact Community Affairs.

#### **Useful Numbers**

Patrol North                688-9500  
(Community Policing Lt. Nolte)

Patrol East                688-9331  
(Community Policing Lt. Wiemeyer)

Patrol South               462-2777  
(Community Policing Lt. Kenney)

Patrol West                337-9400  
(Community Policing Lt. Livingston)

Community Affairs       268-4101  
(Lt. Dunbar)

Gang/Felony Assault     268-4191  
(Lt. Easter)